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I have the honour to transmit to you the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia regarding the bombing of the city of Kapan in the Republic of Armenia by Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 18 August 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

Today, at 0706 a.m. local time, three Azerbaijani combat aircraft violated the airspace of the Republic of Armenia and dropped 10 demolition and cluster bombs on the central section of the southern Armenian city of Kapan. The bombardment caused the death of 7 civilians and the wounding of 34 others, 5 of them seriously. There is considerable damage to buildings and structures.

The repeated Azerbaijani bombardments of Armenia's towns and villages and other provocations on border areas testify once more to the continuing attempts by Azerbaijani authorities to draw Armenia into the war and the power struggle in Azerbaijan, all of which can only exacerbate the Nagorny Karabakh crisis.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia is led to believe that these new attacks may also be aimed at causing the failure of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) peace process.

Reaffirming once more Armenia's commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Nagorny Karabakh conflict, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is compelled to state that full responsibility for the consequences of Azerbaijani aggression rests with the authorities of Azerbaijan.

Given the repeated nature of the offence and the gravity of the situation, the Government of Armenia today requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider this matter and to condemn Azerbaijan for its aggression.